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I. In Tunisia, France's governmental crisis puts Bourguiba under new pressure to request UN Security Council action on his complaint of last February against Paris.

A. Although Bourguiba declared on 17 April he would instruct his UN delegate to press for Security Council action, he privately prefers to delay a Council hearing in the hopes that the next French government will accept the "good offices" proposals.

II. Meanwhile, Bourguiba's deputy has acknowledged that Tunisia would be first government to recognize an Algerian government-in-exile, should one be formed, even though this would mean rupture with France

A. Tunisian, as well as Moroccan officials, are still trying to dissuade Algerians from such a step.

B. Rebels inside Algeria argue that formation of government-in-exile needed to boost morale.

C. Such a government would receive quick recognition by Arab states and probably also by various other Asian nations.

III. Tangier conference of North African political parties, scheduled for 27 April to determine means to secure Algerian independence, postponed for a "few days."

A. When this conference convenes it will also strongly promote concept of North African federation.

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